

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of offering preferred transport in a network, the method comprising:
 - receiving a first part of a content transmission;
 - receiving an indication of transport parameters, the indication being associated with the content transmission;
 - receiving a second part of the content transmission; and
 - transmitting the second part of the content transmission in accordance with the transport parameters.
2. A transmission device comprising:
 - a data receiver configured to receive a first part of a content and an indication of transport parameters associated with the content,
 - a service logic for grouping the first part of the content and subsequent parts of the content as a communications flow;
 - a transmission logic for determining the transmission parameters of the content according to the indication of transport parameters;
 - a switching apparatus for transporting the first part and subsequent parts of the content to a communications port according to the communications flow determined by the service logic; and

a data transmitter configured to transmit the subsequent parts of the content in conjunction with the communications port in accordance with the transmission parameters determined by the transmission logic.